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Comment Of The Day

A ZOO FOR HONGKONG?

URBAN Councillors want a zoo for Hongkong. Judging by the crowds which gather around the few cages in the Botanical Gardens around feeding time their proposal would be well supported. And attendance figures at the new zoo which has opened in Lai-chikok must be an encouraging factor in the move to establish something bigger and more permanent in Hongkong. But this proposal needs to be carefully considered before Government commits itself.

The greatest limitation is Hongkong's climate which restricts the variety of animals we could import. Tropical countries could certainly provide a colourful selection, but again there is the difficulty of breeding certain wild animals in captivity. And quite apart from the restrictions which climate, feeding and breeding impose, Hongkong is hardly a big enough place to support an elaborate and costly zoo of the calibre of Colombo's for example.

Don't Need Two

AGAIN, if the Lai-chikok project succeeds as it gives every promise of doing, we do not need a second. There is something to be said for centralising all the animals in captivity in various parts of the Colony. Thus the Botanical Garden, bears, porcupines, monkeys, fox and birds, and the animals at the PG farm and the small Army "zoo" at Lyman could be pooled with the 50 or so exhibits at Lai-chikok to provide a nucleus for something more substantial.

If this is what the Urban Councillors have in mind the idea is sound and worth pursuing. But let private enterprise do the job. There is no need for Government to do more than surrender its animals when it is convinced that there are local promoters who can handle the job. It could also help arrange a site. The best suggestion is Aberdeen.

An Aquarium

A even better idea than the aquarium, however, is an aquarium. Here Hongkong would have no difficulty getting exhibits of all shapes, sizes and colours. For in our seas about an amazing variety of marine life which would make a splendid display in any aquarium. Here there would be no breeding or feeding problems. Furthermore they would all be in their natural environment. Local fishermen would give us exhibits free and we could get almost anything from a sprat to a shark. Hongkong has even been visited by a whale!

If public funds are going to be spent on any project, a far better investment would be an aquarium. Let the Urban Councillors think about this before they bring up the subject of a zoo again. There are Hongkong people with imaginative plans for an aquarium that could, with the terrific variety of fish in our seas, turn out to be one of the most outstanding in the world.

RUSSIAN ROCKET TRAVELED MORE THAN 8 m MILES THROUGH SPACE MAN-MADE PLANET IN ORBIT

Now A Satellite Of The Sun

Moscow, Jan. 7.

Russia said tonight its cosmic rocket has gone into orbit around the sun after travelling more than eight-and-a-half million miles through space. An official Tass announcement said: "The first artificial planet of the solar system emerged in its orbit today."

It said the rocket was now nearly 620,000 miles from earth and had travelled 8,690,000 miles through space.

Travelling Away

Its distance from earth "will increase at a terrific pace since the earth and the artificial planet are travelling away from each other," Tass said. The artificial planet will be much nearer to Mars than the earth because of its velocity at the launching, which was well over the second cosmic velocity. On January 14, the planet will reach its perihelion (the nearest point to the sun). It will then be about 90,710,000 miles from the sun and will travel with its maximum speed of 19.8 miles per second. On its way towards its aphelion (the farthest point from the sun) the planet's speed will decrease to about 17 miles per second, the Agency said.—UPI and Reuter.

SOVIET PLANS TO SEND MANNED ROCKET TO VENUS & MARS THIS YEAR

Capetown, Jan. 8.

Top Soviet scientist Anatoly Blagonravov said in an interview published here today that the USSR plans to send a manned rocket to Venus and Mars and possibly the moon next September.

According to the interview, carried by the Capetown weekly Afrikaans newspaper The Landstem, Blagonravov said in a telephone statement from Moscow: "It is no secret that the nation which controls space also has control over the earth. Within a year, we will be in a position to destroy any city in the world, but we earnestly hope that such a possibility will never occur."

Preparing

The scientist said, "There is no more need for us to carry out tests and experiments. We have done all that is necessary and are now preparing to land a rocket on Venus in June."

The scientist said that the USSR has already chosen Ivan Ilyinsky, 30, a bachelor, as the man to make the journey into space.

Ilyinsky, he said, had been undergoing extensive training, including tests such as remaining under water up to four minutes to strengthen his lungs, and being kept in an airless room for up to two and a half minutes.

Man-Made Planet

Blagonravov said Ilyinsky "is specially tutored to bring the planet back, but there is also an automatic apparatus which will come into operation should anything happen to make him unconscious."

Equipment linked with his heart and lungs will give us exact information as to the causes should he fall unconscious or lose his life. Our idea is to establish a new Russia on the planets Venus and Mars. If it is possible to establish life on the moon, we want to send a selected scientist to the moon and back about the end of the year."

Blagonravov said, "In June we are going to try to land a planet on Mars and we expect it to be successful. If we achieve the expected success in this venture, we will land men on Venus and Mars in September."—France-Press.

U.S. TO LAUNCH RETRIEVABLE SATELLITE

Washington, Jan. 7.

The United States will try

for the first time in coming days to return part of an artificial satellite to earth after launching it in a polar orbit, Defence Department missile men reported today.

The satellite will weigh 1,300

pounds and carry a recoverable capsule containing measuring instruments and possibly an animal, they said.

It reportedly will be launched in the next few days at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California with the aid of a Thor medium range ballistic missile, combined with a smaller Bell Hustler missile.—France-Press.

Chicago Fire Verdict

Chicago, Jan. 7.

The cause of the fire which took the lives of 90 children and three nuns at a Catholic school here last December 1 remains undetermined, a coroner's jury reported today.

The specialist jury said the fire started under the stairs and had been burning for some time before being reported.—Reuter.

Rector For

A Church of England Court here is to be asked to decide whether a birdbath can be

placed on a man's grave.

The dispute has arisen over

the grave of van driver George Dennis, who died in August 1957, aged 68.

George was a lover of birds and animals and his sister decided that a birdbath would be a fitting memorial on his grave.

The Church Council had no

objection, but the Rector, the

Fong Yim-Fun Says 'I Do' As She Clutches Hot Water Bottle



DR RAYMOND YANG

RESIDENTS OF NO. 10 TO MOVE

London, Jan. 7.

New temporary quarters

are to be found for Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, whose official residence at 10 Downing Street, for decades the traditional London residence of British Premiers, is on the verge of collapse.

A Ministry of Works announcement tonight said the Prime Minister and his wife would be found provisional accommodation at Admiralty House in nearby Whitehall.

Although no official decision has been taken with regard to the Downing Street residence, it was understood that the wholesale strengthening and restoration work was envisaged.—France-Press.

BATISTA LOOT SEIZED

Washington, Jan. 7.

The U.S. Government has impounded \$1 million in cash brought into the United States by a fleeing supporter of former Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista, informed sources said today.

These sources said the money

was taken to Key West, Florida, by Cuban Sen. Roitende Masserfer in his private yacht about 12 hours after the fall of the Batista Government on New Year's day.

They said the U.S. Government seized the funds pending investigation to determine the exact legal status of the money.—UPI.

Rector Bans Birdbath Man's Grave

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Rector R.G.H. Cooper refused

permission.

The sister, Mrs Edith Blandie,

told reporters last night: "The

rector told me the cross was the

symbol of the church. There

are one or two birdbaths in the

churchyard already—but they

were there before the present

rector came."

"The ban is ridiculous. The

churchyard is overgrown any-

London, Jan. 7.

The famous 30-year-old Hongkong Cantonese

opera star, Fong Yim-fun, was married here

today to Dr Raymond King-wong Yang, as she

clutched a hot water bottle.

Miss Fong, whose real name is Leung Yin-fong, was trying to keep out the chill of the English winter as she said "I do" to her 40-year-old prominent Hongkong physician at London's Caxton Hall. The temperature at the time was only just above freezing point.

Rumours of their impending marriage had been circulating in Hongkong for months. But both parties who flew to London separately before Christmas had been non-committal when approached in Hongkong.

It is learnt that the couple will spend their honeymoon in Europe before returning to Hongkong.—All Agencies.

Quiet Wedding

Their trip to England was because they had hoped for a quiet wedding away from the bride's fans, but now that her new "fragrant and beautiful flower" has come into flower, attracted many Western admirers of Oriental beauty to London's Caxton Hall for the ceremony.

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TWO-TON MARBLE OSCAR FOR MIKE TODD'S GRAVE

Chicago, Jan. 7.

The brother of film producer Mike Todd, who was killed in a plane crash in New Mexico last March, said today he planned to erect a two-tonne marble replica of a Hollywood Oscar award over his dead brother's grave.

The brother, Mr David Goldbogen, said he would seek the approval of Todd's widow, actress Elizabeth Taylor, before he went ahead with his plan.

MOTHER SCARED OF GOING HOME

Mike Todd's real name was Abraham Goldbogen. His film "Around the World in 80 Days," won a number of academy awards.

Mr Goldbogen said the marble reproduction he planned to erect to his brother would stand about nine feet high and would cost about \$8,000. It would bear no epitaph.

"We would want to keep the memorial simple," he said.

Todd is buried in Waldheim Cemetery in a Chicago suburb.—Reuter.

Nowcastle, Jan. 7.

Every day for a year 42-year-old Mrs Susan Green and her two daughters wandered in the streets until almost midnight because she feared going home when the gas inspector called.

Mrs Green told Newcastle magistrates today when she admitted stealing cash, 36,000 cubic feet of gas and 100 units of electricity from meters at her home.

She said she lived in fear of meter inspectors knocking at the door and stayed out from 7 p.m. to avoid them.

HUSBAND LEFT

She had been short of money since her husband left her.

Mrs Green told a detective, called in by the inspectors: "Thank God it is all over. Now we can start living a normal life at home again."

She was fined £20 and ordered to repay £27 to the gas and electricity authorities.—Reuter.

Moscow, Jan. 7.

The Mongolian News Agency has issued a statement denying foreign reports of an insurrection in Mongolia.—Reuter.

BIG PURGE EXPECTED IN RUSSIA

London, Jan. 7.

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev today was believed to be setting the stage for a major purge which could lead to a trial and even the execution of ex-Premier Georgi Malenkov.

Soviet affair experts said Khrushchev was preparing the ground for the rout of his known and potential opponents.

The forthcoming 21st Com-

unist party congress, sched-

uled to open in Moscow January 27, was expected to be the

forum for a major move that

could lead to the physical

destruction of the so-called

Molotov trio.

The Signs

But the signs were that Khrushchev was aiming at potential opponents as well as at the known members of the anti-party group.

The visible signs left little doubt that Khrushchev was working up to a major move for which he wants the formal approval of the Party Congress. By then he expects to have all the necessary evidence to prove that he was right and the others wrong, in whatever happened politically and economically in the post-Stalin era.

Some observers still believed that Khrushchev would prefer a bloodless purge.

Stalin-Type

But they say the way things were moving, he might have no alternative but to revert to the Stalin-type proceedings, though with a studied emphasis on legality.

The first indications that something serious was about to come last month when ex-Premier Bulgarian was included by the Soviet press in the anti-Party group. It originally included Georgi Malenkov, V. M. Molotov, Deputy Premier Lazar Kaganovich and ex-Foreign Minister Dimitri Shepilov.

They were all ousted in 1957.

Soviet Chief Prosecutor A. Rudenko sounded an ominous warning with a chance remark that "Malenkov, Molotov, Kaganovich and Bulgarian committed 'criminal violations of Soviet legality.' This spells the threat of a trial as well as of a possible death sentence.—UPI.

DIPLOMAT'S SON FINED IN COLONY

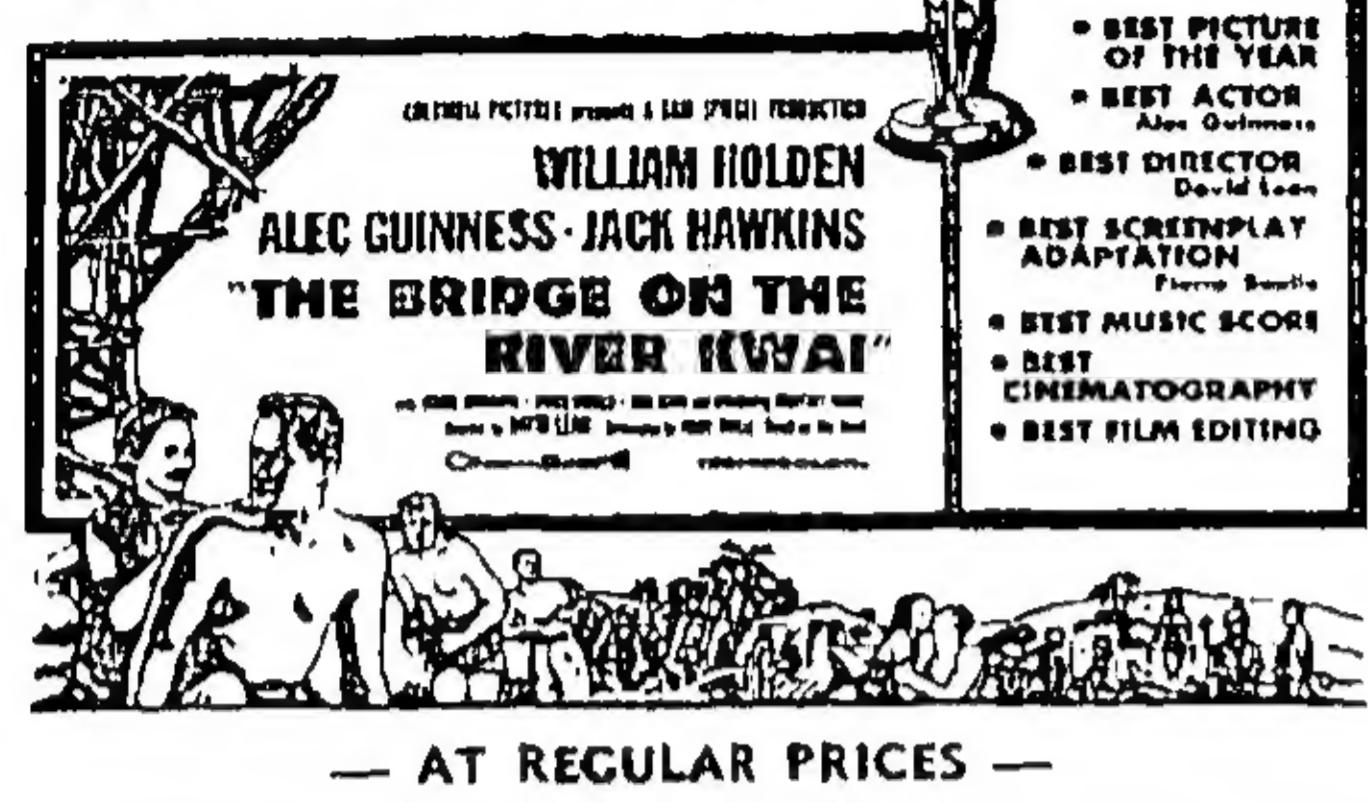
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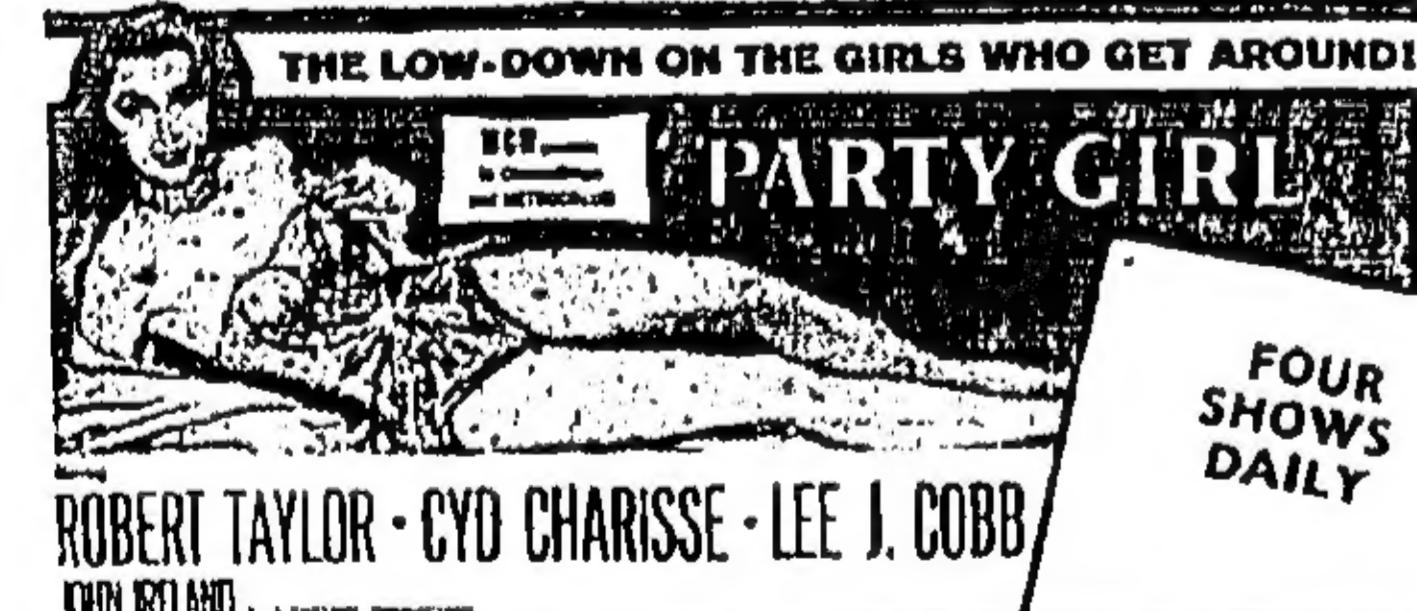
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NEGRO SETS
THE POLICE
A PROBLEM

Leeds, Jan. 7. Richard Clarke, who had hoped to become Britain's first negro policeman, said today his application has been delayed and possibly rejected because of his race. The 25-year-old native of Trinidad, who is married to a white woman and has three children, has been drafted. He will have to report for Army duty unless he can get quick action on the job application he filed with the Leeds Police Department a month ago.

PACIFIST
WON'T
KEEP
THE PEACE
*'Ironic, Isn't
It? He Says*

London, Jan. 7. A pacifist clergyman was waiting patiently today with other pacifists to be taken off to jail for refusing to sign a pledge "to keep the peace." It's rather ironic to be accused of disturbing the peace when our whole object is to work for peace," remarked the Rev. Michael Scott, while waiting in his office for police to arrest him.

The Rev. Scott is one of the 47 pacifists who defied police at a demonstration against the construction of a Thor missile base on December 20.

A local court gave the defiant pacifists the choice of serving a two-week prison term or signing a pledge to keep the peace for 12 months.—U.P.I.

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DISCONTENT IN DE GAULLE'S RANKS

Firemen Find Tragedy In Straw

Hobart, Jan. 7. Firemen, called to put out a fire smouldering in a disused sheep pen at West Ulverstone, Tasmania, found the bodies of three young children burnt beyond recognition in the charred straw.

A resident of a house near the show grounds called the fire brigade when smoke was seen rising from the grounds.

The firemen found that a hurdle had been pulled across the top of the pen to form a closed "house" where the children are believed to have been playing.

Flames from a partly burnt motor car tube found in the pen are believed to have asphyxiated the children.

"Terrible Shock"

After an appeal to parents in the area to check the whereabouts of their children and report any missing, the police identified the children as Carol Dawn Colgrave, 10, her brother Edwin Clifford Colgrave, 8, and Colin Hayes, 9.

The superintendent of the fire brigade, Mr. Jack Shadforth said the fire had been burning for some time when the firemen arrived and they extinguished it in five minutes. "We got a terrible shock when we found the bodies of the kids in the straw."—China Mail Special.

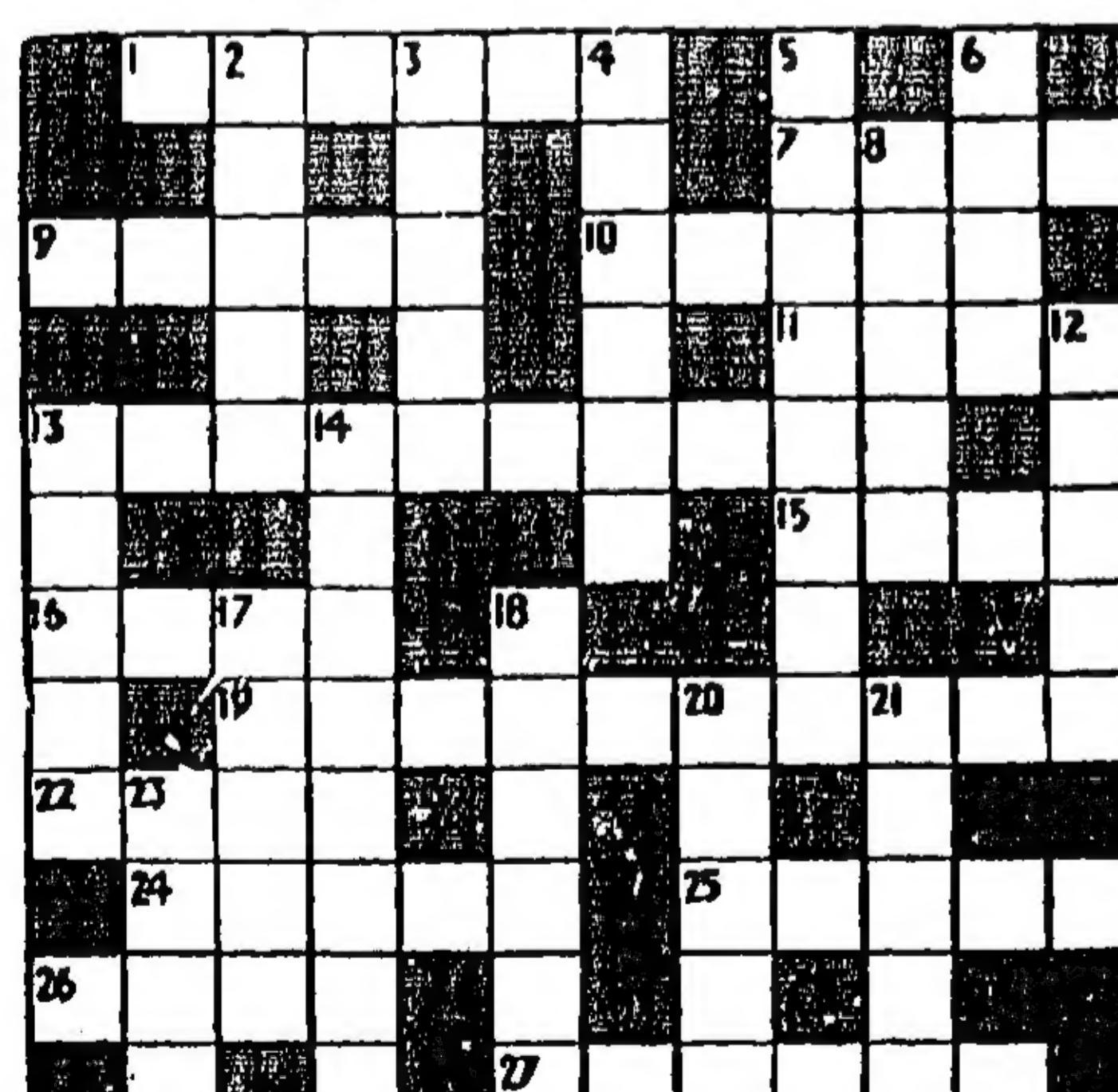
Conscience

Bonn, Jan. 7. Dr. Adolf Arndt, secretary of the West German Social Democratic Party, said today that nobody should be ordered to handle atom weapons of mass destruction, even for training purposes, against his conscience. Reuter.

Poles Return

Warsaw, Jan. 7. Some 224,000 Poles have been repatriated from the Soviet Union since the signing in Moscow in November, 1958 of the Soviet-Polish repatriation agreement. It was officially announced today in Warsaw—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Sudden, cry-windy (6).
- 2. Miss who (4).
- 3. Honeysuckle (5).
- 4. Pickle winners (5).
- 5. Bittersweet (4).
- 6. Marriage broker? (10).
- 7. The Forayle story? Might be (4).
- 8. A vessel half open (4).
- 9. Control of the captain on the vessel (10).
- 10. Fall over on one's travels? (4).
- 11. Common practice (5).
- 12. In his business he makes some dough (5).
- 13. Revolutionary music, as it were (4).
- 14. Peer in Paris, perhaps (6).

WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Carol, 4. Scout, 7. Police, 8. Action, 10. Tots, 12. Barn-ait, 15. Inter(ing), 16. Tear, 17. Lava, 19. Script, 20. Specie-s, 21. Crim, 23. Herbs, 24. Re-veal, 25. York, 26. Gilded. Down: 1. Capital, 2. Relative, 3. Fast, 5. Comedic, 6. Utopia, 9. Pares, 11. Snack bar, 12. Street, 13. Bonfire, 14. Trampled, 18. Appeal, 22. Hicke.

Farm, Tax Policies Bring Complaints From Supporters

Paris, Jan. 7.

The National Assembly's second-biggest party, the conservative Independents and Peasants, today expressed discontent with Premier De Gaulle's sweeping new financial and economic measures.

The party expressed anxiety over the new measures even though they were drawn up by the party's honorary chairman, Finance Minister Antoine Pinay, who recently left the party.

The Independents and Peasants' parliamentary group sternly criticised the government's new policy on farm prices, social security and taxation according to "external signs of wealth."

Chairman Roger Duquet said: "General De Gaulle will be inaugurated president tomorrow and promptly designate a Premier, almost certainly Justice Minister Michel Debre, co-founder with Soustelle of the U.N.R."

Debre is expected to present on Friday a government team comprising most of the present ministers, minus the Socialists and Minister of State Pierre Pflimlin, of the Catholic Popular Republican Movement (M.R.P.).

Pflimlin declined an offer to continue as Minister of State and take on part of the work of the Overseas Ministry which will cease to exist.

Another M.R.P. leader, Robert Lecourt, also refused to participate but the double refusal was regarded as technical rather than political. Pflimlin wanted a bigger and more specific job.

The big question mark remained the future assignment of Soustelle, leader of the May 13 upheaval in Algeria, who will be replaced as Information Minister by U.N.R. Secretary General Roger Frey—France-Press.

Explorer

London.

The following advertisement appeared in the personal column of the Times of London: "Impoverished American student from New England anxious to appreciate to the full the British way of life—seeks gift of English automobile sound of wind and limb to accompany him in his quest—write box C-138."—U.P.I.

Four Cinderellas



Cinderellas both are ballerinas Margot Fonteyn (left) and Svetlana Berlanova, pictured during dress rehearsal of Frederick Ashton's ballet 'Cinderella' at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London. Margot Fonteyn danced the title role on the first night. Later, Svetlana Berlanova, Nadia Nerina and Anya Linden will each be dancing the title role in turn.—Reuterphoto.

Miler's Son Christened



Four-minute miler Roger Bannister holds his two-year-old daughter Erin while his wife Moyra carries their baby son who had just been christened Clive Christopher Roger, at All Souls' Church, Langham Place, London, on January 3.

With them are the rector, the Reverend J. R. W. Stott, godmother Mrs. Carole McWhirter and godfathers Chris Brasher (wearing spectacles) and Chris Chataway, the athletes who are both newly engaged.—Reuterphoto.

Malayam War Play Gets Big Reception

London, Jan. 7. A new war play, set in the Malayan jungle in 1942 before the fall of Singapore, and entitled "The Long And The Short And The Tall" was given an enthusiastic reception at the Royal Court Theatre tonight.

The 29-year-old author, Willis Hall — one of the young hopes of British drama — shows a British patrol of six who have sought shelter in a jungle hut. After capturing a Japanese scout, they realise that they are cut off from their base by an enemy thrust.

Soon it becomes obvious that if they want to attempt to return to their lines, they cannot run the risk of betrayal by leaving the prisoner behind alive.

The drama turns on their reactions of the British soldiers to the problem.

There are those who see in the Japanese the family man caught like themselves in the maelstrom of war and cannot bring themselves to condemn what appears to them plain murder.

There is the sergeant who, having to forget his humanity for the stark reality of the moment, decides that the prisoner must die so that his men may live.

In the end the prisoner is killed by a soldier who panics but the patrol is mown down by the enemy as it leaves the hut and the curtain falls on the most insensate of the soldiers' staggers in to raise the white flag of surrender.

Mr. Hall does not pull any punches in stripping war of all romanticism.

He knows, too, how to build up dramatic tension. The play is skillfully acted by an excellent cast.

The Japanese prisoner, who expresses himself only by gestures, is played by Kenji Nakata, a Japanese who took British nationality 20 years ago.

While serving in the British Merchant Navy during the last war, he was captured by the Germans and remained a prisoner for four years.

Willis Hall did his military service in Malaya where he wrote scripts for the Chinese Schools' Department of Radio Malaya.—Reuter.

Riot Leader Taken

Brussels, Jan. 7.

Joseph Kanavou, believed to be one of the leaders of the recent Belgian Congo riots, today gave himself up to the police at Kalama, the Belgian Congo news agency reported tonight.—France-Press.

Margot Fonteyn danced the title role on the first night.

Later, Svetlana Berlanova, Nadia Nerina and Anya Linden will each be dancing the title role in turn.—Reuterphoto.

A gold diggers' dream was shattered for more than 3,000 when they were told that 450,000 guilders (about £45,000) they invested in a bid to salvage bullion from a sunken ship had been spent in vain.

Five years ago they put their money in a co-operative company with the aim of recovering 400 boxes of gold, silver and gems, valued at 72 million guilders (about £7,200,000) from the bottom of the North Sea.

The gems were said to have come down with the German freighter "Roma" in a "floating salvage pit" which sank in the North Sea Canal before it could be towed to the port of water by a British sub-

marine off the Dutch coast in 1917.

At the suggestion of the company's president director Mr. Piet Visser, a 34-year-old fruitgrower, the company invested 27,000 guilders (about £27,000) of its capital in a "floating salvage pit" which sank in the North Sea Canal before it could be towed to the port of water by a British sub-

marine.

But the Hamburg owners of the ship, the German Underwriter and a Rotterdam coal trading firm, say that the Ronald Leonhardt's only cargo was coke.—Reuter.

In tomorrow's China Mail, Randolph Churchill explains "Why I want to tell the Truth about Suez now."

British Cinemas Retain Anthem

RANDOLPH CHURCHILL uncovers the biggest untold story since the war

SUEZ

This was the 3-day war that

• DIVIDED the world—and led Russia to threaten rocket retaliation on the West.

• DIVIDED the Western Alliance and led to a temporary feud between the American administration and the British Government.

• DIVIDED the country, regardless of party, more bitterly than at any time since Munich.

Even today the truth about this "police operation" is still obscured by passion and prejudice.

Surprised

"His surprise was genuine when I refused," the reader said.

This he said, could not have happened before 1939 and he wondered whether such men could help England win another war.

Other letters followed, some critical, others in support, culminating in one today urging that the anthem should be abolished anyway.

The words were "banal and repetitive" and the music "trumpery and pretentious", this critic said.—China Mail Special.

Sloppy Joe Falls Into His Final Sleep

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 7. William J. (Sloppy Joe) Bellinger, too "sleepy" to be tried recently as an alleged lottery kingpin, went to sleep for good today.

The doctors said Pickwickian syndrome, a newly recognised malady of the extremely fat, is a case where a person tends to "drown" in his own carbon dioxide because his body is too big for his lungs—especially when under stress.

It is named after the fictional Joe in Dickens' "Pickwick Papers," who had a drowsy tendency.

Bellinger, a "Robin Hood" of Savannah's Negro community, died in a hospital which he had made a favoured object of his many charities.—U.P.I.

WAS there collusion between the Israelis and the forces of intervention?

WAS Britain's Army really ready to undertake the task set by the politicians?

WAS Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, fit enough to undertake the immense responsibility of leading Britain into a war situation?

WHAT was the role of America?

WHY did the bold conception fail?

RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

the most pungent and outspoken political commentator in Britain, has spent months of research finding out the real facts about

The Suez Story

In pursuit of the truth he has interviewed politicians, soldiers, and informed reporters in London, Washington, Paris, and Tel Aviv.

Now the full, true story can be told for the first time.

It is a story that discloses many new facts.

It has already excited world interest. It is certain to provoke heated arguments everywhere.

The Suez Story

by Randolph Churchill

starts in the

CHINA MAIL

on Saturday

DRAGONS IN NEW MUSEUM

Peking, Jan. 8. A new Central Museum of Natural Science will contain models of three ancient dragons from 42½ feet to 16½ feet long.

The museum, built in the Chinese capital's Street of the Heavenly Bridge, will show how creatures developed from primitive times to the present, reported the Peking Evening News.

The central hall of the museum covers about 840 square yards and it has two wings which together occupy about 1,800 square yards.

Scientists estimated the animal must have lived about 70 million years ago, the newspaper said.—Reuter.

Gold Hunters' Dream Blasted

Utrecht, Jan. 7. Dutchmen here today said they were told that 450,000 guilders (about £45,000) they invested in a bid to salvage bullion from a sunken ship had been spent in vain.

Mr. Visser told a liquidation meeting of the company to-day that not a penny of their capital was left. He still claims he can produce documents proving the freighter carried gold.

But the Hamburg owners of the ship, the German Underwriter and a Rotterdam coal trading firm, say that the Ronald Leonhardt's only cargo was coke.—Reuter.

So THIS Is Hollywood!

By Norman King



Mr and Mrs Cary Grant

"Well, what do you think of this movie-making business? Doesn't it bore you to death?"

The question came from Cary Grant, whom I found waiting around for a call at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios. He is playing the lead in a new Hitchcock thriller.

I could see why working with Alfred Hitchcock might be tedious at times for the actors.

These wonderful films, which on the screen have all the suspense of a teeming traffic problem, are jammed almost solid.

Such a state of affairs begets tremendous wealth. In fact the per capita income here is 25 per cent more than the United States average.

And though Los Angeles still ranks only third among U.S. cities in terms of population, behind New York and Chicago, the retail sales from its shops are now ahead of the Chicago figures and still soaring.

Los Angeles may not live up to its name, "City of the Angels." The 32,000 marriages in Los Angeles County last year were almost matched by the 31,000 divorces. But it is certainly an El Dorado. Though only a few thousand dollars' worth of actual gold are produced each year, it is a place where one can literally strike oil in one's back garden.

Even in the middle of one of the big Hollywood film lots twenty oil wells are producing day and night. And on the fabulous Signal Hill at Long Beach, the number of derricks runs into hundreds.

★ ★ ★

A spread outwards instead of upwards has been accelerated by an only recently modified ordinance forbidding buildings of more than twelve storeys, because of earthquake danger.

One usually seems to be, at least a few miles from where one wants to be next. And the only answer to living in such saturation is the motor car.

Last year there were 2,737,530 cars registered in the Los Angeles metropolis area. That figure is equivalent to one per family, with more than half-a-million left over.

In the rush hour one would swear that they are all out at once, and even the new six-lane

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER



"This is our finest hour! At long last we've got the chance of asking 'And what exactly is a—hula hoop?'"

Tomorrow:
CARVED FROM
THE DESERT

NEW YORK



MISS HORNSBY-SMITH: IT'S ABSURD

DON IDDON'S DIARY

TUESDAY

'I'm upset,' says Miss Pat

OF COURSE BRITISH WOMEN

MISS PATRICIA HORNSBY-SMITH, who has been decorating the New York scene, is always doing some marathon work in the United Nations. Her hair flying, she strode across the crowded room of a cocktail party I dropped into and bore down on me.

"Very upset by some London has been given of the things which have the impression that it's appeared in the British all been a round of pleasure. Bone to pick sure. You know no one with them, with you, could have worked

harder [this is true]. Please straighten it out."

I explained that I had not written a line about her and was not responsible for other people's dispatches. Miss Hornsby-Smith, mollified, continued her monologue:

"It's absurd to think that American women play a bigger part in the nation's affairs than British women. We do far more in Britain. We have more seats in the House, we hold junior Ministerships, we have had Cabinet rank, we have fought for office in municipal affairs.

"I've got to go now. I should have been sailing, but instead I'm going to catch the Comet. I know you'll make things clear for me."

She sped away, a dynamo, to make more speeches, attend more meetings, ready to help America as well as Britain.

Warren...?

IT should be an interesting 1959 for Chief

Vice-President's success in London.

"Apart from Warren, all the others — Nixon and Rockefeller for the Republicans and Humphrey and Kennedy for the Democrats — look like Vice-Presidents, not Presidents, to me," Bernard Baruch said this week.

The Democrats, knowing what a formidable candidate Warren would make, are saying: "Earl should not step down from the Bench." They are also saying: "We might be able to lick Warren, but how could we lick that family?"

They mean the three Warren daughters — the Californian princesses Virginia, Dorothy, and Nina, who are worth several hundred thousand votes, perhaps more, to their father.

Two of the daughters are married — Dorothy to Dr Carmine Clemente and Nina to Dr Stuart Brien. The engagement of the third daughter, Virginia, is expected to be announced soon.

Chief Justice Warren has certainly done this. This big, smiling, gregarious man, three times Governor of California, long-time lawyer who ran for the Vice-Presidency ten years ago, has been lured into politics again.

He became world-famous overnight but in just 28 minutes, when he handed down the decision that coloured children should be permitted to attend white schools.

Now he is adamant that the decision should be carried out however fiercely the South shouts "No."

ROUND-UP

GOOD SOLDIERS?

A TERRITORIAL Army unit at Sidcup, Kent, hopes to persuade a Teddy Boys to exchange their drain-pipe trousers and Italian-style shoes for khaki uniforms and black boots. "There is no doubt that if Teddy Boys make good soldiers," said Major A. W. George, who commands "P" Battery of the 458 (Kent) Light A. A. Regiment, based at Sidcup. "If you put them in uniform they become obedient and well-disciplined," said the Major. "It gives them an important interest in life and they have all the comradeship they are obviously looking for in Teddy Boy gangs." Local "Teddies" are drawn into the unit by word of mouth. One or two enlist, then tell their friends that they like it. "Recruiting is going well for the battery," said Major George.

WEEK-END AIR BOYS

ALL the 50 Chipmunk two-seater light planes allotted by the Air Ministry to the Air Training Corps are now in use. In good weather at week-ends, they each average ten flights of 30 minutes a day, which will increase as the days lengthen. Biggin Hill, Kent, with ten machines, has the largest flight. Others are centred in Southern England at Hamble, Hampshire, Filton, Bristol, Exeter, Devon, White Waltham, Berkshire and Cambridge. All pilots are members of the R.A.F.V.R. Most of them were war time pilots, with the R.A.F. or the Royal Auxiliary Air Force. The flights are primarily to give flying experience to the cadets who wear parachutes, and are briefed on emergency drill.

BOUNCING CADETS

NO. 11 (Brooklands) Air Training Corps Squadron, of the Surrey Wing, wanted a trampolining — a bed-like frame of sprung canvas from which athletes can somersaults bounce high. But the cost — nearly £200 — was more than they could afford. So, under Flight Lieutenant M. May, their CO, they set to and made one for £30. The P.T. instructor, C. Harris, learned trampolining in the R.A.F. He, with the C.O. and the adjutant, Pilot Officer John Mugford, train the boys, who have reached such proficiency that they have formed a display team.

TRADE FERRY

A FORMER landing craft, the 4,262-ton Empire Shearwater, which arrives at Dover this month has been converted to carry ready laden lorries between Dover and Calais, and is expected to begin operating this month. The ferry means that imports and exports from England and the Continent can travel by road direct from maker to distributor without other handling. Delivery times will be speeded and costs cut. And cargo traffic through Dover — already the world's busiest passenger port — will increase. Last year nearly 100,000 tons of cargo were handled — seven per cent more than the year before. The Empire Shearwater can carry up to 50 lorries.

DOCKERS TO OLYMPICS

BERMONDSEY, London, dockers are planning to spend a fortnight at the Olympic Games in Rome in 1960. The Surrey Dock Social Welfare Association have been asked by a number of their members to organise the trip — for two weeks in August or September. While the association are trying to cost the trip the dockers have been advised to join a savings group.

HARRY ODELL

PRESENTS

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By DAVID CARRITT

For instance a splendid family group by Romney was sold at Sotheby's last week for £3,400.

Collectors who imagine that the works of more recent artists are bound to appreciate in value would do well to remember the pictures from Sargent's studio, sold after his death in 1925. Sargent was then considered a major genius, the equal of Manet and Velasquez.

Lord Duvene paid over £23,000 for a small view of the Vatican, and, stranger still, Agnews paid £1,995 for a Sargent copy after Velasquez.

Today only a few of Sargent's portraits are admired, and then for their charm rather than their technical dexterity.

The risk

Every day we read of sensational increases in value; for instance, that a Flemish landscape sold for £14 in 1912 has been resold for £5,400.

Of the sensational decreases we hear almost nothing. Sargent's View of the Vatican would probably slip through the saleroom unnoticed.

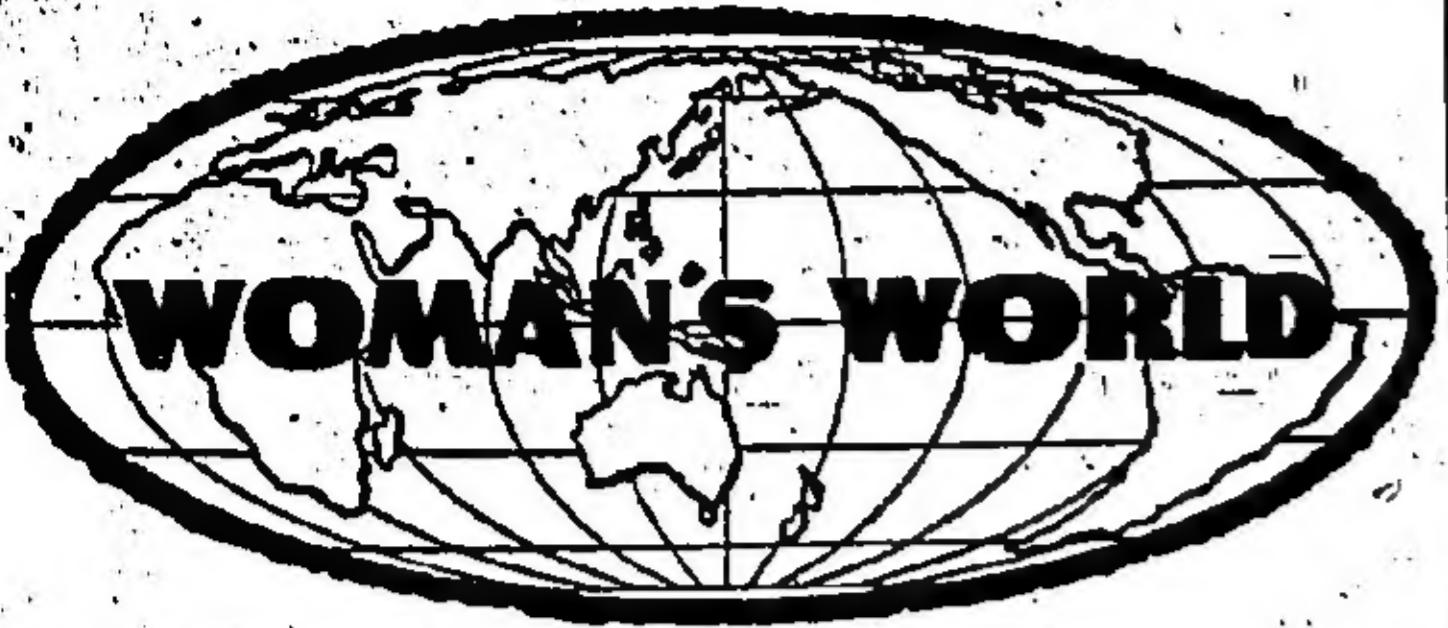
The owner of the Flemish Clive Bell, was interested in pictures not in money. Collectors of his calibre are bound to do well.

But the army of financiers who bet big for the fashionable painters may well be in for some bitter disappointments. If ever there should be a financial depression, who will want to relieve those of their depressingly similar collections?

The owner of the Flemish

WOMAN'S SENSE

WISHING FOR A LEAN NEW YEAR?



FOOLED THE DOCTORS

Denver, THIRTY-FOUR years ago, Mrs A. E. Perry of Montgomery, Ala., was brought out to a sanatorium in Colorado. She was believed to be dying of tuberculosis.

From her sanatorium window every day she saw Colorado's 14,260-foot Mount Evans. The sight gave her spiritual strength—and hope. She decided to paint a picture of the mountain, although she'd never done any painting before.

Today, at 68, Mrs Perry has outlived all the doctors who in 1924 gave her two months to live and has just completed her 212th oil painting for the Church of Christ.

Mr. Perry put the final touches recently on the 8-by-16-foot mural for the baptistry of the Church of Christ in Thornton, Colorado, the Denver suburb where she lives.

"Watching that wonderful Mount Evans range every day inspired me," she says now. "I came not to be morbid; not to worry whether I lived or died—and I knew I would live." Three years after she came to the sanatorium, she was discharged as an arrested case, although she still is an invalid.

Her paintings, some 32 feet long by 10 feet high, hang in

By JEFF GRIGSBY

JACOBY on BRIDGE

There is a time and place for everything—even trumping your partner's trick.

East's three diamond overcall was a nuisance bid designed to upset the enemy's communication. This time the bid had no effect as South was able to bid three hearts and North had a sound raise to four.

West opened his singleton diamond. The way the cards lay a trump opening would have been better but West was not clairvoyant.

South won the first diamond, led a club to dummy's ace and a spade from dummy. East played the three and South went up with the king only to see it lose to West's ace.

♦CARD Sense♦

Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West

1♦ 1♦ 1♦ 1♦ Pass INT.

Double Pass?

You, South, hold:

AK87 ♦K65 ♦753 4♦975

What do you do?

A—Pass. You are willing to try to set the no-trump contract.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding has been:

North East South West

1♦ 1♦ 1♦ 1♦ Pass

You, South, hold:

AK86 ♦K75 4♦732 4♦877

What do you do?

Answer tomorrow

NO. 1	♦74	♥AK98
	♦43	
	♦AJ962	
WEST (D)	♦AJ98	♦Q103
EAST	♦542	♦3
	♦2	♦KQJ10976
	♦K10854	♦Q7
SOUTH	♦K652	♦QJ1076
	♦A85	
	♦3	
North and South vulnerable		
West North East South	1♦ 1♦ 3♦ 3♦	
Pass Pass Pass Pass		
Opening lead—♦2		

Now West led a trump and South won in dummy. A second spade lost to East's queen and East led the king of diamonds.

At this point West decided it was about time for him to trump his partner's trick. Obviously South was getting ready for a cross-ruff and a second trump lead would take away one ruffing trick.

Suiting the action to the thought, West ruffed and led his last trump. Now South had two trumps left in dummy but three losing cards in his own hand. He had to lose one trick and the contract.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Ralph's going to Europe for three months, and he's letting me borrow Curly till he gets back!"

If you can keep your waistline while all about are losing theirs, then a happier New Year is in store for you.

Chew on this new twist to Kipling if you are one of the millions who must battle bulges during the New Year, as in the old.

You can't resolve to be slim and sit in a corner at parties and festive dinners. But others with fewer calories. Every time you open that mouth, munch counts in this waistline war, seems the hostess insists on popping some calorie-laden

Play down foods which add inches at a gallop. Substitute fatty meats—pork, duck, goose or ham. Choose roast beef, turkey or chicken—sans sweet and fattening sauces.

Leave the drum sticks for children. White meat is lower in calories than dark.

There's less to be "gained" from seasonal dishes such as cranberry sauce and chestnuts than from candied yams—dripping in calories.

Fresh green salads are always good, if you shy from the rich dressings and sauces. Vote for oil, vinegar, tomato or similar slim toppings.

Radishes, celery, carrot sticks, pickles and relish are more slimming than olives.

Stand by the clear soups. Use blenders where creamy ones are concerned.

Cocktail hour and between-meal nibbling can be calorie-cheap and delicious. Feast on boiled shrimp and lobster, crab meat or oysters.

You can conserve calories by switching to artificial sweeteners for coffee and tea. Maybe the hostess will serve low-calorie desserts too, to help you along.

Danger lurks in the dinner party that's way past the usual eating time. Hard-to-control hunger pangs may drag you weak and helpless to the refrigerator before it's time to start for the party.

To reinforce calorie control, check with a doctor about the use of appetite suppressants. A new one does not stimulate the central nervous system. Medical reports indicate it can be taken at night and does not disturb sleeping later on.

On the drinking side, remember that most cocktails run-over with calories. Dry red or white wine, mixed with soda water as a "spritzer" will last a long sipping time without supplying too many calories. *U.P.L.*

—PATRICIA MCGORMACK

SMALL DINNER PARTY

"You might plan to serve the sole when you give a little dinner party," I suggested to the young lady. "It's broiled, then topped with a mushroom butter sauce and sauteed. It is nice with rissole potatoes, which you can buy frozen, ready to heat and serve."

"Add a tossed salad, including Belgian endive, a good frozen cheesecake with a strawberry topping and coffee, and you'd have a complete gourmet dinner except the opening course."

"I'd like to start with a choice of appetizers," remarked the other girl from Bridgeport, "and oysters baked in the shell."

STICK TO BUDGET

"This dinner is simple enough for us to attempt for four persons in our one-room apartment and kitchenette."

Meantime the Chef was chatting with the young couple at his left.

"We definitely budget so we can eat out once a month," the young wife confided. "We enjoy

hot dogs and hamburgers."

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Measurements are level. Recipe for 6

Stuffed Veal Chops Harway Club Style: Order 6 double loin

of rib veal chops. Cut a deep slit in each. Dust with salt and pepper.

Fill each slit with 4 small thin slices Swiss cheese and 3 small slices prosciutto or cocked ham. Press together.

Roll chops in seasoned crumbs. Brown on both sides in vegetable oil.

Place in well-oiled baking pan. Add a little bouillon to nearly cover bottom.

Cover; bake 35 min. or until well browned and tender.

TRICK OF THE CHEF

Garnish braised celery with butter-sizzling croutons.

—TOMORROW'S DINNER

Concourse Small Pretzels

Stuffed Veal Chops Harway Club Style

Potatoes Anna Braised Celery French Tossed Lettuce Lime Sherbet Diced Orange Topping Coffee

—PATRICIA MCGORMACK

Leftover Turkey

Finish the holiday bird by using the last bits of meat and crisp brown skin for turnover filling. Sauté minced onion and

celery in butter, add turkey scraps, chopped plimmons and grated carrots. Put spoonful of mixture in centre of turnover pastry, made from packaged mix or your own recipe. Brush edges of pastry lightly with water, seal edges, brush tops lightly with milk and bake in 450 degree oven about 15 minutes. —U.P.L.

Turkey Rice Loaf

Turkey and rice loaf is a tasty solution to the left-overs problem.

In a baking dish place alternate layers of cooked rice and diced cooked turkey and plimmons.

Top with 1 1/4-ounce can plimmons. Use 2 cups each cooked rice and diced cooked turkey, cover with 1 cup medium white sauce seasoned with salt and a little sherry.

Bake in a 350-degree oven about 25 minutes. Serves 3-4. —U.P.L.

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International Rugby Begins Jan. 10

FRANCE TIPPED TO BEAT SCOTLAND IN OPENING MATCH AT PARIS

By JOHN COTTRELL

The 1949 International Rugby Championship programme will open at Colombes Stadium, Paris, on January 10, when France, who have never won the Championship outright, meet Scotland, who have not triumphed in the competition for 20 years.

In past seasons, the outcome of this meeting has been of no great importance. This time, it could be the key to the Championship.

The Scotland XV looks more formidable behind the scrum than the one which drew with unbeaten England last season. France have their most impressive-looking team since the war.

French Rugby has improved remarkably. Last March they were hammered 11-0 at home by England, and never have I seen a team so completely demoralised.

Then the whole side was changed and France achieved an unexpected run of triumph. They crushed Australia 19-9, scored their first-ever victory at Cardiff Arms Park, beat Ireland 11-6, and became the first country to beat the Springboks in a home Test series this century.

Now it will be especially interesting to see how they shape in this first Championship match to be played under the new rules.

The changes in the rules encourage open tactics, discourage intensive scrapping, reduce drop pages and help the side which wishes to attack.

Historic Victory

They would seem to suit the French style of play and, significantly perhaps, they were playing under the new rules when they achieved their historic victory in South Africa.

If they can reproduce that devastating form, France should beat Scotland convincingly and establish themselves as favourites for the International Championship.

Judging by the line-up, the 50,000 French supporters will have plenty to cheer at Colombes. The players of the French side made the line-up of South Africa last year.

Once again the backbone of the side is supplied by the famous Lourdes club's new full-back Pierre Lacaze, Maurice Piat (centre), Henri Rameau (left wing), fly-half Daniel (right wing), fly-half Jean Buthie, who is just about the best No. 8 in the business.

Then there is tough Alfred Ropex (captain), promoted "Rock", a bulldog scrum-half forward, converted from Sorel eight years ago, and 29-year-old Pierre "Poulet" Danos, a tall, dark semi-half of great courage and tenacity.

Plenty Of Mobility

The only absentee of note is full-back Michel Vannier, who had a knee injury in South Africa and has not recovered. An unusual French team has plenty of mobility forward, and under the new rules that should pay bigger dividends. Some international selectors seem to realise this since a number of mobile, hustling men have been introduced to the trials.

But Scotland have stuck to the pack which outshone a tired England at the end of last season. Some of those Scots are becoming very senior, but only two new players have been signed: Ian Laughland, aged 23, and Steve Coughie, 24.

Laughland has been playing exceptionally well for London Scottish and replaces the most experienced Stevenson in the centre. The other centre is Tom McClint, who missed last season's internationals through injury.

Rodd's Replacement

Coupland replaces Tremayne Rodd, of the Royal Navy, who is now serving abroad. He is a chartered accountant and, at 6ft 1 1/2in, probably the tallest semi-half ever to play for Scotland.

But despite his extraordinarily angular figure, he is extremely quick on the ball and combines well with his partner, Gordon Widdell.

Gordon, son of the famous fly-half Herbert Widdell, is one of Scotland's reserves and was in the team which won the Varsity match. Scotland will look to this young man to open play up with his well-timed high punts to the corner flag.

Widdell is one of three key men behind the Scottish scrum, the others being full-back Ken Scotland and Arthur "Titch" East, of all wingers. The most dangerous wingers is Scotland's Ken Scotland, a 22-year-old from West's schoolboy, is still looking for a full-back. But he could become one of the most feared men in international rugby and this season fulfil the high promise of two years ago.

GREATER THAN WONG PENG-SOON?

Indonesia's Tan Joe-Hock Beats Malayan Champion In Bangkok Shuttle Final

Bangkok, Jan. 7. Badminton ace Tan Joe-hock of Indonesia this evening proved himself undisputed master in the Thailand international badminton championship when he beat the all-Malaya champion, Charoen Wadhanasin of Thailand, 15-10, 9-15 and 15-6 in the men's singles final here.

The match was witnessed by a crowd of ten thousand who cheered Charoen throughout.

In the other finals, France and Thailand champion Pratung Patapong of Thailand, whipped countryman Somswat, 11-5 and 11-1 to win the women's singles title.

Thailand's Charoen Wadhanasin and Kamol Sudhivad

captured the men's doubles crown when they defeated Malaya's A. P. Ruiz and Lin Siu-up 15-11 and 15-8.

Fierce Smashing

Denmark's Erlend Kopa teamed up with Thailand's Somswat to win the mixed doubles trophy by beating India's T. N. Seth and Thailand's Prappa

Pungsuecharit, 15-11, 10-15 and 18-17.

Tan Joe-hock in the first set scored an early 8-3 lead but Charoen fought back to trail 7-10. Services then changed hands several times with none scoring points. However, Tan Joe-hock fiercely smashed to 15-10.

In the second set, Tan Joe-hock started off with a 4-1 advantage but Charoen again rallied to equalise. Both Charoen played steadily and led until 13-8, finishing off at 15-9.

No Surprise

Charoen blazed away in the third set with a 4-1 margin, but Tan Joe-hock promptly bounded back into the lead and controlled the game till he came up and held the lead until 12-1.

Tan Joe-hock's victory came as no surprise since far from predicting he would win.

Budapest experts here said the young Indonesian was a real master—even greater than former world champion, Wong Peng-soon at his height.—U.P.I.

England's Test Team

Sydney, Jan. 8. England's team for the third Test starting in Sydney tomorrow will be chosen from the following:

P. May (captain), C. Cowdry, T. Bailey, J. Laker, T. Graveney, Brian Statham, A. Lock, E. Dexter, W. Watson, R. Swinton, F. Truman, A. Milton.

12th man is P. Richardson. — Franco-Presse.

Beverley Bainbridge To Make Another World Record Attempt

Sydney, Jan. 7.

Fourteen-year-old Ilsa Konrads, who won the 440-yard freestyle title last night, led the only five rivals who dared to face her tonight in the qualifying competition for the 110-yard freestyle race in the New South Wales women's swimming championships.

Miss Konrads, who holds the world record for 800 yards freestyle, was clocked in 55.5 seconds for today's 110-yard race in the North Sydney pool.

So many contestants withdraw than all competitors in today's qualifying advanced to tomorrow night's final, which conclude the meet.

Marilyn Wilson led today's qualifiers for the 200-yard backstroke with 2:47.4 and Ian Andrew led those for the 220-yard medley with 2:56.4.—U.P.I.

Low Water Level

Tomorrow's windup programme also will see 18-year-old Beverley Bainbridge of Australia try for the second time in three days to break the world's record for the 220-yard butterfly. On Tuesday night, she was timed in two minutes, 54.6 seconds, only four-tenths of a second slower than the record.

The Green Howards did most of the attacking in the second half but the three did not do enough passing, and when the Club had a chance with two

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Sports Diary

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FCPA International Committee, and Council meeting, Sports Road, 6 p.m.

TO-MORROW

Athletics

Land Forces Team and Individual Cross Country Championship at HK Kong, 3 p.m.

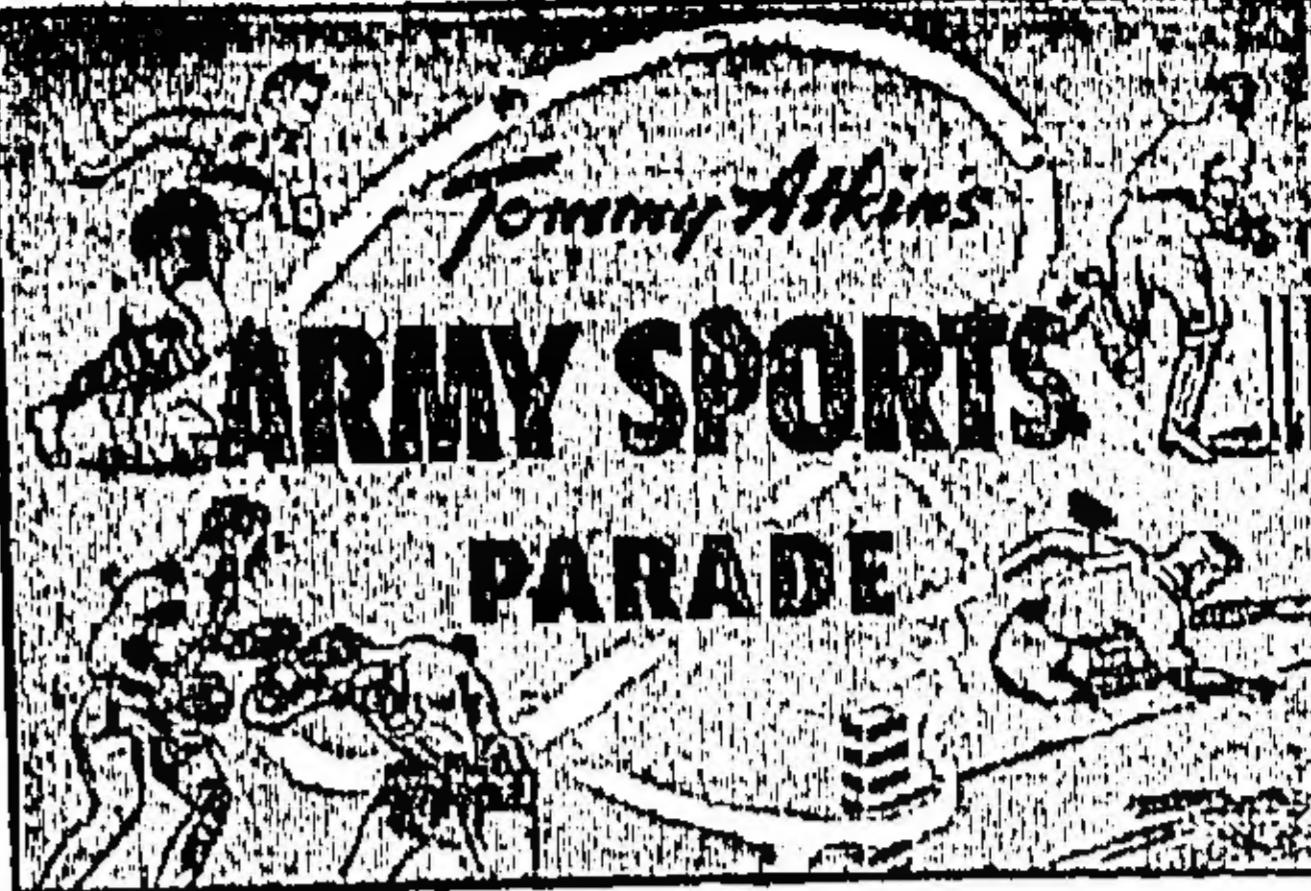
Outstanding Player

From the Minor Unit in the news in the first round of the knockout competition, the Company, RASC, set the ball rolling with a narrow 2-1 victory over the Command Pay Office. For the winners, Capt. Jones, proved to be the outstanding player. His brilliant work turned the scales in favour of the RASC, although they left it awfully late, the winning goal coming in the last couple of minutes.

In the league, Command Workshops still stand supreme although they had some trouble with DMIC, winning 8-0.

Company, RASC, winning both games by a similar margin.

The Army team slumped a little last night, allowing DMIC to take a point and it was fortu-



Tommy Atkins for this first week of 1959 would like to spotlight all Sportsmen, both Service and Civilian, and thank them for providing a year brimful of action, excitement, and good fellowship. In wishing them every success for the new one ahead, he looks forward to last year's standards being maintained.

Perhaps the most notable achievement of the past week was that of the Army South cricket team. It was a story of how their skipper Capt. Peter Tidey, Royal Signals, came to the rescue with a grand 70 just at the right time to save the match and keep the side well on top of the league.

Army sides always look forward with pleasure to matches with Craigswell probably because the Club always go out of their way to entertain Service sides. This match was no exception to the rule.

Set to get 142 thanks to a nine 49 from Baji Dhabher, they were soon in difficulties due to excellent new ball bowling by the same pacer, and when Peter came in the position was to say the least, grave.

Aggressive Batting

Some aggressive batting in which he was aided by Brian Sadding and Lieut. David Green, 1/Green Howards, retrieved the situation and they ended with a two-wicket advantage.

Brian incidentally has the misfortune to be a civilian and in this particular case it is a misfortune because to my mind he is the best left-handed bat in the Colony. As a civilian working for the War Department he is eligible to play for them but is generally overlooked.

It is long overdue that football legislators paid more attention to the training of their officials. The standard of refereeing outside the senior league is in many instances deplorable.

A considerable amount of hot air is emitted on the subject of these officials but with the fees they are paid, the Association, the public and not least the players should demand efficiency and if it is not forthcoming some steps should be taken to increase it.

No Arguments

For what it is worth I would suggest that all who wish to referee HKPA matches should be compelled to attend regular training sessions of instruction. Even the highest graded officials need to take their duties seriously, and none can argue that they know it all. We who watch know that often they don't.

Once again the stall of just a few of the talented Lancashire bowlers was overview when they travelled to the Mission to Seafarers last Saturday to meet the best the Royal Navy could provide.

The "Red Duster" shield was at stake and the Infantrymen can truly be said to have swept the opposition aside to obtain it for they won every one of the eight contests that counted for the trophy.

It must be emphasised, however, that the Sailors put up a magnificent resistance and in several of the bouts only lost for lack of training rather than lack of skill or courage.

Capacity Crowd

Training facilities on board ship must be limited and if ever a lesson were needed to stress this point here it was. Several of the First Corps ahead in the 100m of the first round only to fade away during the later stages with broken bones and rubber arms and legs.

A capacity crowd filled the ring-side seats and the balconies, steps, and windows were fully utilised by a very mixed audience.

I cannot imagine any who went away dissatisfied with the scrapping served up and it was perhaps a pity that the Television cameras were not on hand to serve this excellent fare to a wider audience.

Opening up in championship style with a fanfare of trumpets the Soldiers put up too good for ME Dring. Pte Fred Burton took a points verdict over ME Wilkinson and Pte Terry Woods performed a similar feat with REN Evans.

Excellent Boxing

L/Cpl Arthur Johnson continued the good work with victory over ME Dean as did Edm. R. H. Allen when he met H. C. Chinnock.

Pte Vernon Woods added to his series of 100s disposing of a game O/S Jock Mcree to make the shield theirs.

The Colney championships will be held during the period from January 19-23 and all who have eyes on the very attractive belts to be won are advised to get their entries in now.

TWO YEARS' PROBATION FOR U.S.C. FOR VIOLATION OF N.C.A.A. BYLAWS

Cincinnati, Jan. 7. The University of Southern California was placed on two years' probation, beginning today, by the National Collegiate Athletic Association committee on infractions.

The committee ruled that USC violated NCAA bylaws by paying transportation costs for two prospective athletes to Los Angeles in 1957, when the University was already under NCAA probation.

The committee ruled that University of Southern California athletic teams will not be eligible to participate in any television programmes subject to NCAA control, nor be allowed to make any commitments before it has been restored to full NCAA membership.

The committee also ruled that during the first year of the probationary period, USC will be ineligible to enter athletes or teams in any National Collegiate

championship event, or any invitational or like events which co-operate with the NCAA.

Any further violation of NCAA requirements during the probationary period shall be considered cause for expulsion from the Association, officials said.—U.P.I.

Bulgarian Soccer XI Win In Jakarta

Djakarta, Jan. 7.

In its first match on Indonesian soil, the visiting Bulgarian soccer team beat a local Jakarta team by five goals to one, after leading 2-1, at half-time, here today.—France-Presse.

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ON THE SOFTBALL SCENE

The Case Of The Lady And The Obstinate Team Manager

By "TIME OUT"

You would not be able to purchase a copy of "The Case of the Obstinate Manager" from any local bookseller. It is not a 'whodunit' in the strict sense of the word since the guilty party's identity is divulged to readers right from the start. It is, in fact the hitherto untold tale of a classic example of a deplorable mockery of the amateur spirit which we hear so much about in local softball. Believe me through unavoidable circumstances I was unable to give this my earlier attention but as the saying goes, better late than never so the usual forecasts take a back seat.

There are people in softball, players and team managers, coaches, and others alike who through timidity, ignorance of accepted procedure, and even a misguided sense of good sportsmanship are powerless to right a wrong although the victims may have a strong case to put forward.

Such is the case with the young lady who still wishes to play softball for the University Club. Although signed up for South China AA before the league got underway she subsequently had occasion to regret this affiliation with the Carolines. We need not concern ourselves with the reasons for her switch of affections. Suffice to say that she OFFERED her services early in the season to a sorely-pressed University team weak in one vital playing position which she could fill.

Unanswered

Thereupon on November 24, 1958 the University waited little time in despatching a letter to South China, outlining the circumstances and requesting consideration of the player's release to enable her to transfer to the U before the expiry date, two weeks off.

A copy of the letter was passed on to the HK Softball Association. It went unanswered and two days before the deadline for transfers, December 7, 1958 the anxious U manager telephoned his counterpart in the South China team. He was informed that his letter had been received, no action was contemplated on it since South China considered it unethical to enquire of their players if they desired a move to other teams. I have no disagreement with this view since the player involved made no formal request for a release. Anyway at King's Park two days later the matter finally came to a head.

Amazing Statement

In the presence of both team managers the young lady was asked by the U if she still desired a transfer and the answer was "Yes." At this stage a very high official of the HKSA who was seated in the stands saw fit to join the conversation and having learned the circumstances then made an amazing statement. He expressed the opinion that in amateur sport it is not necessary to reply to all letters received if one does not feel like it! Furthermore he added it was purely for the individual concerned to decide whether or not this constituted a breach of etiquette.

Let me say this, I sincerely hope what he said is strictly his private opinion because considering his high position within the Association, if his words were intended as an official pronouncement he has no business to be connected with the governing body of the sport. The words are an insult to the intelligence and no right-thinking person will disagree with me when I say that purely as a common courtesy the U were ENTITLED to a written reply from South China favourable or otherwise. It would indeed lead to a sorry state of affairs if, assuming the gentleman is correct in his views, letters from the Association to teams, umpires, coaches, etc and vice versa found their way to the waste-paper basket and stayed unacknowledged and unanswered.

Refuse To Budge

Taking refuge behind the alleged discredency on the part of the lady player who through lack of knowledge in these matters saw fit to put through her request in an indirect manner, South China even now refuse to budge an inch.

At time of writing the lady is still on their roster despite her saying publicly that she wished to play for some other team. For my part I can see no earthly reason for them to do the way. Softball is not in professional sport but South China are taking a professional stand in the matter. The Association cannot take it upon themselves to act unless a formal complaint is lodged against South China but who will make it?

Left Gaping and Sprawling



Uprichard, the Portsmouth goalkeeper comes right out to save leaving the Hammers inside-left gaping at an empty net, and Smith, the Hammers left-half and Heywood, the Portsmouth centre-half sprawling on the ground.

The above photo is taken from the recent English first division league match between West Ham and Portsmouth which the Hammers won by 6-0.—Sport & General Photo.

over the Dodgers, take on the

Austers and should cakewalk to

victory.

Following this the 3-3 game has the Cards pitted against the Cheyennes. Both sides are presently playing softball more suited to the ladies' division but the Cards have an edge in the form of pitcher Sonny Machado. I'll stick my neck out and pick them to win this important one.

Sunday's proceedings get off to a bright early start when the Stardusts, on the slide after seven

defeats in the last eight games, take on the Eagles. The latter

should have too much bating

power for the youngsters to pull off an upset victory.

If the Association sticks firmly to the transfer rule you can

consider the case closed. If it

should choose to investigate the

circumstances they will be sur-

prised to find that on a technical

a loop-hole does exist

whereby the interests of justice

will be served. So much for that,

for the week-end games.

Contenders Clash

At 11.00 a.m. the two pennant

contenders of the Senior division

South China and South China

cross bats.

Take a peep at the league

standings. By next week there

should be a slight change in

there no one side must lose—and

it should be the Cheyennes if

"Goose" Wong strikes form.

The afternoon game at

2.00 p.m. features the lowly

Pandas and the U.S. Navy.

The sailors are a weak side and

George Pang Jr. and Co are

slipped to win this without too

much trouble.

SENIOR LEAGUE

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Saints 7 5 2 .714

South China AA 7 5 2 .714

Braves 8 5 3 .625

Cheyennes 7 4 3 .571

Seminole 8 3 5 .375

U.S. Navy 8 2 4 .333

Pandas 7 1 6 .143

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Cheyennes 11 10 1 .000

Cardinals 11 9 2 .818

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Comets 11 7 4 .636

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Eagles 11 4 7 .364

Stardusts 11 4 7 .364

HK University 9 2 7 .222

Austers 12 2 10 .107

LADIES LEAGUE

South China AA 10 1 9 .100

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HK University 5 3 2 .600

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round off the day the Austers

should continue on their

winning ways as they play the

University. Only the most

incurable optimist would dare

predict victory for the under-

graduates.

League Standings

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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DRAW FOR WORLD BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Munich, Jan. 7.

The Philippines were drawn in group three against Uruguay, Puerto Rico and Bulgaria when the draw was made here today for the World Basketball Championships, to be held in Chile from January 16 to 31.

The International Basketball Association has set up its general secretariat in Munich and is the first international sports organisation with headquarters in West Germany.

Altogether there are 12 teams entered for the championship, which is divided into three groups.

Group one is: United States, Taiwan, Argentina and the United Arab Republic.

Group 2: Brazil, Soviet Union, Mexico and Canada.

The best two teams in each of the three groups qualify for the final rounds.

The countries taking part are the first three in the last World Championships and in the Olympic Games, as well as representatives from each continent.

The United Arab Republic and Argentina were specially invited.

—Reuter.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEEN



Here is a problem by H. V. Tuxen to play and mate in two moves.

Solution No. 5542: 1. R-R4, 2. PxR ch

Q-R4; 1. RxP, 2. R-R4 ch

K-R4; 1. RxP, 2. R-R4 ch

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London Express Service.

—Reuter.

LESTER PIGGOTT MAY FACE BREACH OF CONTRACT TRIAL

Capetown, Jan. 7.

Britain's "wonderboy" jockey, Lester Piggott, will face a trial for breach of contract if he does not return to Capetown in time to ride at the Milnerton track on Saturday.

This was revealed here today when Johannesburg promoter, Collin Eades, commented: "I intend to telephone his mother in England today. I will ask her to get in touch with Lester to tell him what will happen if he doesn't ride."

Left Unexpectedly

Piggott left Capetown unexpectedly on Monday, flew to Johannesburg then on to Rome, where he took another flight to Nice. Eades alleged that jockey

Piggott has only ridden seven of the 12 races for which he

had contracts in South Africa.

No clearcut reason for his

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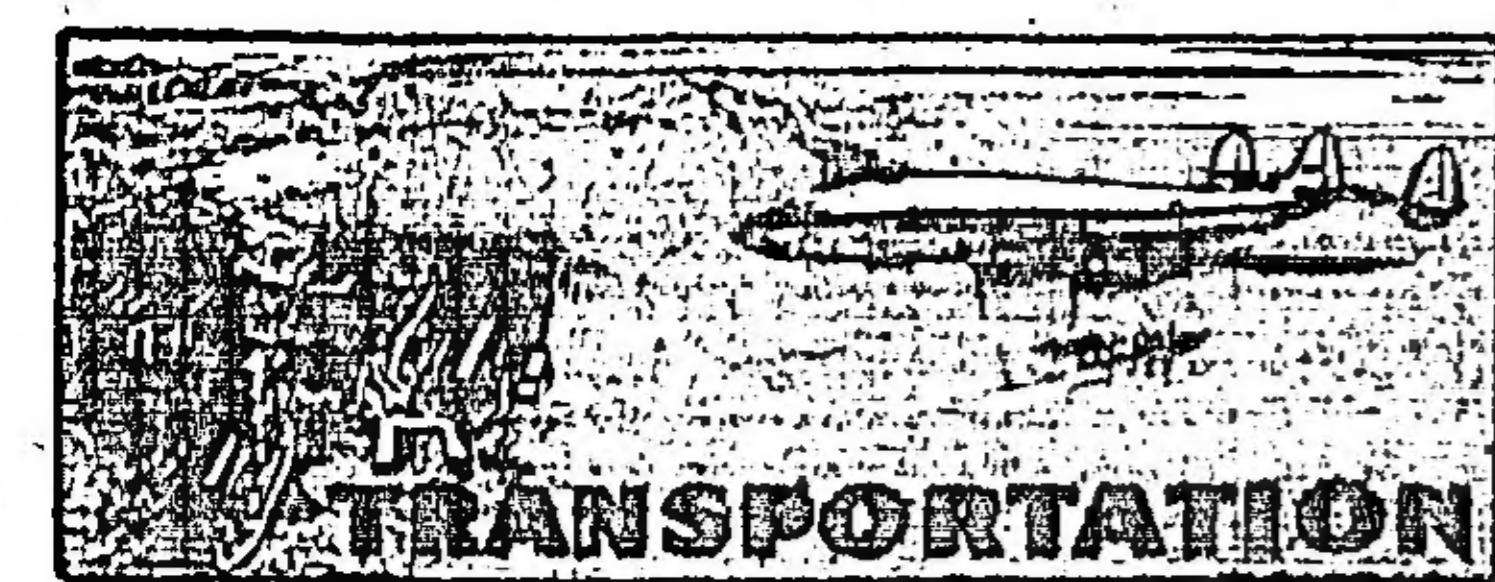
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CARONIA TO MAKE SUMMER CRUISE TO ARCTIC WATERS

New York. A SUMMER cruise by the Cunard liner Caronia, round the North Cape of Scandinavia and into Arctic waters, was announced here by the Cunard Line.

The North Cape cruise, now in its ninth year, will include visits to 22 ports in ten European countries, including Iceland, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Italy, Scotland, Britain and France.

The cruise, which leaves New York on July 2, will give travellers an opportunity to visit Russia and Poland. At the ports of Helsinki and Copenhagen respectively, transport will be available for brief visits to Leningrad, Moscow and Warsaw.

FLOATING HOTEL

The 34,000-ton luxury liner, the largest ever built especially for cruises, will serve as a floating hotel for all the passengers during the cruise. The liner will make stops at all the Scandinavian capitals, but will otherwise call principally at Norwegian ports, including Hammerfest, Langesund, Lofoten, Trondheim, Aundalsund, Ytterdal, Merok, Bergen, and Stavanger.—China Mail Special.

West Germany Joins UN Maritime Body

London, Jan. 7. WITHOUT opposition the Federal Republic of Germany today became a member of the United Nations Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, at its first assembly being held here.

The Federal Republic, though not a member of the United Nations, is a member of a number of United Nations specialised agencies of which IMCO is the twelfth.

Her unanimous election to membership of IMCO announced by the Canadian chairman of the assembly, Mr Louis C. Audette, was no surprise and was greeted with applause by the delegates.

PRIVATE SESSION

The IMCO Council at a private session recommended the election of the Federal Republic to membership.

Then a few minutes later in open assembly her election was proposed by the Dominion Republic seconded by the United States and supported by Haiti.

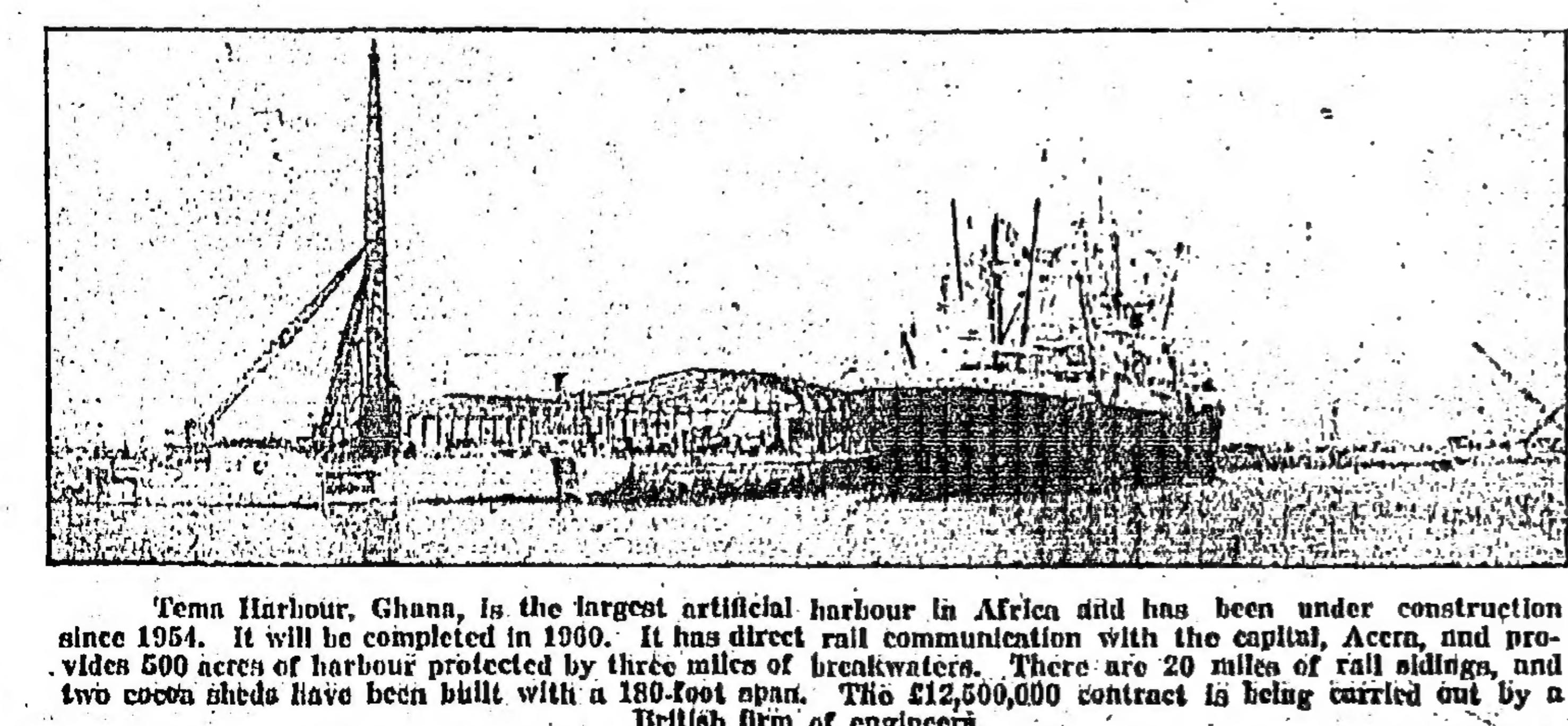
Had a vote been necessary a two-thirds majority of the votes of the assembly of about thirty member countries would have been required.

Almost immediately afterwards the Federal Republic of Germany was also unanimously elected to serve on IMCO's sixteen-nation Council.—Reuter.

Company Laying-Up

LAYING-UP of refrigerated cargo ships after the peak of the present export season will be on a scale unknown since 1930. This was stated by Mr F. W. Spite, a director of the New Zealand Shipping Company.

Britain Builds Africa's Largest Artificial Harbour



Tema Harbour, Ghana, is the largest artificial harbour in Africa and has been under construction since 1954. It will be completed in 1960. It has direct rail communication with the capital, Accra, and provides 500 acres of harbour protected by three miles of breakwaters. There are 20 miles of rail sidings, and two cocoa sheds have been built with a 180-foot span. The £12,500,000 contract is being carried out by a British firm of engineers.

Stocks Have Sharp Declines On Wall St.

New York, Jan. 7. Stocks today had their sharpest decline since the 14.68-point break in the industrial average on Nov. 24. Selling that had been well absorbed most of the day developed greater pressure at closing time with the tickers falling behind the market.

Widest declines came into the recent favourites which included many issues making up the averages. Du Pont was driven down more than seven points. Eastman Kodak dropped more than three. Chrysler lost two, U.S. Steel more than one and General Electric more than two.

Declines of three points or more came into National Cash Register, Bendix Aviation, Alcoa, Inland Steel, and several others. A long list fell two points, including Thielok, Hercules Power, Illinois Central, Western Maryland, Goodyear, Vick Chemical, American Home Products, Coca-Cola, Georgia Pacific, and U.S. Gypsum.

Several reasons for the decline were advanced but the general belief was that it represented nothing more than a technical setback after a prolonged rise.

The market had risen in the previous seven sessions, making

TEN ACTIVE STOCKS

Avco Mfg. New York, Jan. 7. New York 1014 off 1/2. Newell-Chapin 6112 off 1/2. J. I. Case 53,000 2114 off 1/2. Amer. Motors 45,500 3814 up 1/2. American Lim. 43,400 3114 off 1/2. Slave Bus. 42,700 6314 off 1/2. Standard Oil N.J. 37,400 5614 off 1/2. General Motors 36,000 4914 off 1/2. Pan Am. 30,200 23 up 1/2. Libby McNeil 33,600 13 unchanged —U.P.I.

a new high record each trading day until the value of all listed issues had risen by eleven billion dollars.

Some weight was given as a factor in the selling to a statement by economist Marcus Nader who warned that stocks should be sold for profit at this time.

Also the traders were given a shudder or two from a Wall Street Journal dispatch saying that the new "liberal" packed Congress which goes to work today, will put business on the defensive as it hasn't been seen since New Deal days."

Business news was seen as favourable; and many bargain hunters seize the decline as an opportunity to buy stocks.

Of the 1,259 issues traded, only 298 finished higher on the day, while 794 were lower.

New York Stock Exchange volume was 4,100,000 shares.

New York Exchange bond volume was \$7,594,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 1,600,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

Industrial: 583.35
10 rails 169.10
10 utilities 61.00
63 stocks 68.47
Com. future price index 140.00

Closing Prices

Alden, Inc. Acq. 241/2
Allied Chemicals 403/4
Allied Mills Inc. 403/4
Allis Chalmers 251/2
American Airline 241/2
American Cable & Radio Corp. 71/2
American Cyanamid Co. 171/2
Amer. F. Power 521/2
Amer. Home Prod. 1301/2
American Metal 47
American Tel & Tel 223/2
American Tobacco 601/2
American Stock 621/2
Atnour 231/2
Atlas Cons. Mining 14
Atlas Corp. 421/2
Baltimore & Ohio 421/2
Beneficial Finance 231/2
Bendix Aviation Corp. 671/2
Bentley Corp. 51
Bethlehem Steel 51
Boeing Airplane 441/2
Borden (The) Co. 70

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YOUR 10 BEST FILMS FOR 1958

Box Office Receipts Tell The Most Popular In Hongkong

By ANTHONY FULLER

CHINA MAIL FILM CRITIC

YOU chose these films as the best ten of 1958. I do not entirely agree with your choice, but the answer is in the box office.

On top is Paramount's "The Ten Commandments." There is not the slightest doubt that your choice is in line with the rest of the world. "The Ten Commandments" has scored everywhere, has broken many records, and is second only to "Gone with the Wind," as a box office success.

While admitting that "The Ten Commandments" is a production triumph, I think it was too uneven in pace to rate so high; for instance, the first half of the film was even laboured, whereas the forty years in the wilderness was permitted about fifteen minutes screening.

Good Choice

Also the trick photography was crude; the standing water and the magic fire were so crude as to be offensive to hyper-sensitive people who hold this legend with fundamentalist tenacity.

Second is "The Bridge on the River Kwai." Now you are talking. This academy-winning

award which pushed Alec Guinness into the 'actor of the year' position is a good choice.

To correct a number of errors, this film is not a British film, although it employs a number of British actors and technicians; actors Alec Guinness and Jack Hawkins, with David Lean directing. But it was made by an American company, and is therefore an American triumph.

Out Of Sympathy

Third comes Warner Bros' "Sayonara." An extremely good film, made with distinction with chief credit to the cameraman, Marlon Brando performed excellently as the American officer who undergoes a change of heart on the problem of consanguinity. Red Buttons also scored in this film, but permitting its casting and production triumphs, the film was altogether false in sentiment.

Fourth comes the unheralded "The Pride and the Passion" and 20th Century-Fox have to wait for "Peyton Place," to bring them in fifth place.

"Peyton Place," was a Jerry Wald production, and certainly

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3. Sayonara
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5. Peyton Place
6. And God Created Woman
7. Witness For The Prosecution
8. Don't Go Near The Water
9. A Farewell To Arms
10. The Bravados

Portuguese Gaoled For 8 Months

Regoiro Donato Ferreira, a 28-year-old Portuguese was sentenced to eight months' gaol, and ordered to be bound over for a sum of \$500 for two years by Mr T. Creedon of the Kowloon Court this morning, on three charges of obtaining money by false pretences.

Sentencing the defendant, the magistrate said he had taken into consideration the fact that defendant had been in Police custody for two and a half months.

Ferreira was found guilty of obtaining a total of US\$120 and HK\$171 from a Mr Chau Iu-chu, by falsely pretending that he was a member of the US Consulate and that he was able to help Chau get travelling documents for Chau's mother to go to America.

The offences were committed in June 1958.

Denying the charges, Ferreira stated that he was in Macao at the time of the alleged offences, and that Chau and his mother must have wrongly identified him.

A TIGER? POLICE LOOK FOR WOMAN

The Police are trying to find the woman who is reported to have seen a tiger in the New Territories yesterday near Tai Po.

Contacted this morning the Police at Tai Po said they had not received any report about the tiger, but detectives had been sent to find the woman, who claimed she had seen it near Man Kui Kui (Fierce Ghost Bridge), Tai Po Market.

Up to the time of going to press, the woman still had not been found.

EMBEZZLER GAOLED

Chang Ying-chit, 27, a salesman, who admitted embezzling \$2,423 from his employer and losing it gambling, was sent to gaol for nine months by Mr L. T. Morris at Central Magistracy this morning.

In mitigation, the defendant asked for leniency saying that he had to support his mother, his wife and a child.

Now My 3 Best

Now the Editor suggests that my selection might be of interest. Here goes then; the top three I rate in this order.

1. "The Bridge on the River Kwai."
2. "Witness for the Prosecution."
3. "The True Story of Ah Q."

It will be noticed that no British production features in the list. British actors, yes. British producers, yes. But a complete British production, made entirely by British unit, no!

Why is this? Because the men who know not film making have all the say in British films. In other words, the man who puts up the money runs the show, and that doesn't pay in film or stage productions.

Last Night's Piano Recital By Freda Blank

FREDA Blank, who last visited Hongkong three years ago, gave a piano recital last night in the Lake Yew Hall under the auspices of the Bernard Ho Concerts of Youth Organisation.

The programme, although it contained some numbers unfamiliar to the writer, was a well-balanced one. It started with the E Minor Prelude and Fugue by Mendelssohn who was such an admirer of Bach, and to whom we are so much indebted for the resuscitation of a portion of Bach's music.

Then followed the delicate No. 27 Sonata by Beethoven.

The first half of the programme closed with Schumann's Scenes of Childhood, one of the "Scenes" of which is the familiar "Traumerei."

The second half included Debussy's Suite Bergamasque. Of its component parts, the "Clair de Lune" rather dwarfs the rest of this suite, but it was nice to hear it in its entirety.

After a short group which included delicate trifles by Casella and Turina, the programme closed with Frank Bridge's Fairy Tale Suite.

This was well played. There was a link with the past hero in that the pianist's teacher was a pupil of Clara Schumann and personally helped Frank Bridge to revise the proofs of this very suite before publication.

★ ★ ★

After the technical fireworks of Monday night's piano recital, there was an intimate fireside atmosphere at last night's concert. The music was addressed primarily to "students," an expression which presumably, in relation to a Hongkong concert, means teenagers who are studying some musical instrument under the guidance of a private tutor.

There was no attempt by the pianist to create any cheap emotional value by manner or otherwise. Still one would wish that pianists are not chased all over and off the stage by little children carrying bouquets of flowers.

We are all too familiar with the anti-climaxes that occur to some people in local organisations owing to the lack of a little "stage manners"—for lack of a better expression.

Freda Blank is obviously a very experienced and musically pianist. Her Beethoven sounded like Beethoven. So did the Schumann. I think the latter and the Frank Bridge Suite were my favourites. She prefaced each work by a few introductory remarks. No one need feel they were being "taught" by this, I wish there was more of it. On a rather different plane, those of us who were students of Edinburgh in the days of Professor Sir Donald Tovey will recall his Sunday evening concerts and the Melong benefit which everyone derived from his scholarly and informative introductory remarks before each work was performed. — MUSICALIS.

Red Skelton was funny, and a younger Esther Williams, a fine demi-mermaid, but I ask you, Oliver's "Hamlet" was not even among the also-rans that year.

In fact, taking it by and large, and remembering that in every town of the world, where the choice is left, as it should be, to the audience, Hongkong audiences have selected well in line with popular choice.

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